

CHANGES THEN AND NOW!

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The world hates changes, yet that is the only thing that has brought progress.

Changes happen every single moment. The history speaks that when we go back to the time when our people and country were still enjoying its freedom, we had already a simple government where Rajas and Datus lead the way. It was a simple walks of life, simple beliefs, culture, tradition, faith, leadership, laws etc.

The records showed that our way of life underwent dramatic changes when other countries started to colonized us. The Spaniards live in our country for 333 years, followed by the Americans that stayed for less than 50 years and also the Japanese for three years. This colonization taught us many things. We became Christians, educated, patriotic, good leaders, good traders, enjoying the different rights of individual etc.

These changes benefit the Filipinos. We capitalized the things that we learned from our colonizers. We started to try to become independent citizen and even as a country. Not easy, we faced lots of hardships and challenges, but we never give up. We also tried different diplomacy to hear our voice. We proved our self that Filipinos are worth dying for and a responsible individual to recognize our hardships to win our own identity. Until, we reached the point to start as a Republic of the Philippines.

The history stated that it's all started as a Republic of the Philippines and it evolved until now, that the Philippines is already recognized all over the world. The changes of the government and its leaders and created our own constitution is a great achievement from the past. We have our own system of government now. It revolves around three

separate and sovereign yet independent branches: the legislative branch (the law - making body), the executive branch (the law-enforcing body), and the judicial branch (the law interpreting body). The executive power is exercised by the government under the leadership of the president. Even in the 1987 Constitution of the Philippines declares: The separation of Church and State shall be inviolable (Article II, Section 6), and, No law shall be made respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof. The Filipino Priests or Pastors lead their own Congregation.

Based on our history, not only in the system of the government or politics or way of living took drastic changes. Also in the system of education made great turn to every Filipinos. We were persistent from then to be educated. In fact there were informal education during Spaniards time. The classrooms were under the trees, inside the houses and even inside the churches, until the time, when the Spaniards built universities to use for formal education. To be educated started with our forefathers to claim our independence. We can capitalized these changes for our advantage as a student or a citizen of this country. We can build a better Philippines through education in the future.

Few years back, former President Rodrigo Roa Duterte signed last August 3, 2017 for Free Higher Education for All Act and funded it. Education is free for every Filipino. Education is one way or another to make a productive and globally competitive individual. Grab the opportunity to be the asset of our country. Education sharpens our senses. Keep educating oneself.

Now, are we still scared of changes? Do you believe in a saying that, “No pain, No Glory”?

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